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Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2004 2:26 PM

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Utility Type: all

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Comments: I strongly support the undergrounding of utility lines. I am a homeowner and have suffered because the utility company has regularly trimmed my tree, often excessively, to avoid contact with the line in front of my house. As a result, the tree has never grown properly and is now dying prematurely. Overhead lines are also unsightly, dangerous, and detrimental to property values. In addition, the poles that hold the lines contain toxic chemicals (preservatives like creosote) that leach into the soil, potentially poisoning people, especially children, who play or disturb the soil near them.